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Mr Pillsbury is just come in &
begs his best thanks for your last letter
to him, which he says would have gone
far to decide him to remain, if his own
convictions of duty had not already
almost brought him to the conclusion
before hearing from you.

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5 Gray St. Edinburgh. Sep. 29. '38.

Dearest Mrs Chapman,

Your delightful announcement of the arrival of your little grandson, & of ^{his} dear mother's well-doing, followed me to Edinburgh. My affectionate congratulations would have been forthcoming immediately but for an attack of headache & sleeplessness lasting several days which arrested my writing powers altogether, & from which I am but partially emerged. You & dear Lizzie know, however, the deep sympathy I feel with you in the realization of these fond hopes, an elaborate expression is superfluous. I am wanting very much to know your movements, as a guide to my own. I am now in the midst of very kind friends, true hearted abolitionists as you know, & they press me to stay here as long as possible. But unless there is some chance of meeting you in this region by remaining I mean to set out

on my homeward way next Saturday. Stopping
at Lancaster & at Manchester, & getting back
to Bristol before the end of October. My
feeling is, however, that it is now so much
easier for me to go out of my way to see you, than
for you to turn aside from yours to meet
me. That if I only knew when & where you
would like best for us to come together I
would arrange accordingly. If you do
come to Scotland (which I earnestly hope
you may for the encouragement of the
persevering friends of the Cause in Glasgow,
Edinburgh, & Perth, as well as for your own
enjoyment,) the earlier in the month
the better, for in November short days & dis-
mal fogs will intercept your movements about.
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like myself not to leave this part of the
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advice. When I get home I shall be comparatively cut off from Antislavery activity in which I still feel my greatest happiness (^{of the recollections} back to the study of my beloved Father's life, for close application to which I am not yet sufficiently recruited) so I cannot help wishing to get all the communion with you & other A.S. friends I can while in the North. I want especially for the Cause's sake that you may become personally acquainted with Miss Whitelegge of Manchester, & her little knot of fellow-workers with the Glasgow people whose ^{the Patons} leaders you have already seen, & with the Edinburgh circle, among whom are some very choice spirits. Eliza Wigham & Miss Whitelegge seem to me the two main props of the enterprise in G.B. Britain. I am not of course undervaluing the labors of others in some departments, but these two alone appear to me to combine all requisites for extending & conducting the movement here. Mr Pillsbury met about 30 intelligent, earnest people here last evening, & gave them an admirable

address, followed by a very useful discussion
on political action &c. His powers of adaptation
to his present classes of auditors have wonder-
fully increased, no one could speak with
more effect in such circles as these. His on-
ward is better health & more self-confidence
in presenting himself to people. They ^{right-minded} always
grow attached to him when they see what
is below the surface, & outwardly he would
commend himself invariably if he would.
think so. We hear of Miss J. Griffiths's
success in Birmingham, & of her having
visited Manchester, & now being in Glasg.
A meeting was ^{to} ~~being~~ held to welcome her in the
latter place to which our friends the Riches
are not invited! How I long to see
you dearest - Mrs C. to talk of things personal
& relative as well as of the Cause. Hoping
to have the happiness soon I will desist of
the occupation which just now seems most
fraught with mischief to me, - correspondence
remain with much love to Lizzie

Your affectionate

Mary Estlin.

Do you think you could let me hear from you
before Saturday? I can't bear troubling you, yet I
want to catch the first chance of seeing you!